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FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY

(RPP) CHAIRMAN BULENT ECEVIT'S OPENING STATEMENT AT PRESS
CONFERENCE HELD AUGUST 4:

BEGIN TEXT:

IN THIS THE FIRST PRESS CONFERENCE THAT I HAVE HELD SINCE
RETURNING FROM ABROAD, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE INFORMATION IN SUMMARY
ON MY VISIT TO ROMANIA. DURING THIS VISIT, WHICH WAS AT THE
INVITATION OF ROMANIAN HEAD OF STATE CEAUCESCU, MY BELIEF INCREASED
IN THE SINCERITY OF ROMANIA REGARDING CLOSER RELATIONS AND CO-
OPERATION WITH TURKEY. THE FACT THAT THE COUNTRIES BELONG TO TWO
DIFFERENT MUTUAL SECURITY AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS SHOULD NOT BE
CONSIDERED A BARRIER TO CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES
IN MANY FIELDS. FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW THE WORLD IS WITNESSING
VERY INTERESTING DEVELOPMENTS. I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU OF ONE
OF THE LATEST EXAMPLES OF THIS:

OUR ALLY AMERICA IS NOT ONLY IMPOSING AN ARMS EMBARGO ON
TURKEY. WHILE AMERICA IS REVOKING THE FACILITIES IT HAD ACCORDED
US IN TRADE RELATIONS ON GROUNDS THAT WE ARE NO LONGER AMONG THE
DEVELOPING NATIONS OR WE ARE AFFILIATED WITH THE EEC, IT IS NOW
ACCORDING THE SAME FACILITIES TO THE ROMANIAN SOCIALIST REPUBLIC.
WHILE THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE RESTRICTION OF SUCH FACILITIES WERE
CONDUCTED IN ANKARA THROUGH AN OFFICIAL SENT FROM AMERICA, DURING
THE SAME DAYS, AT THE END OF THIS PAST WEEK, AN AGREEMENT PROVIDING
FACILITIES (OF THE KIND) TAKEN AWAY FROM TURKEY WAS SIGNED BETWEEN
PRESIDENT FORD AND PRESIDENT CEAUCESCU. THE FACT IS THAT THE
ROMANIAN SOCIALIST REPUBLIC IS A MUCH MORE ADVANCED COUNTRY
THAN TURKEY ECONOMICALLY AND IS A MEMBER OF THE WARSAW PACT
AS WELL AS COMECON AND AT THE SAME TIME IS ABOUT TO ESTABLISH
RELATIONS WITH THE EEC.

IN THIS WORLD WHERE SUCH INTERESTING DEVELOPMENTS ARE
TAKING PLACE, IT WOULD BE AGAINST TURKEY'S INTERESTS AND UNREALISTIC
TO REGARD THE WORLD AS CONSISTING ONLY OF ITS ALLIES AND
IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES AS A BARRIER TO CLOSE
RELATIONS WITH SOME OF TURKEY'S NEIGHBORS.
TURKEY SHOULD CONSIDER ITSELF FREE AND JUSTIFIED IN ESTABLISHING WITH
ITS NEIGHBOR AND FRIEND ROMANIA RELATIONS THAT ARE AS CLOSE AS ITS
RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES, EVEN CLOSER THAN THOSE.
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SINCE WE ARE NOT IN POWER AT THIS MOMENT, WE MOSTLY DIS-
CUSSED WITH PRESIDENT CEAUCESCU BILATERAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION
IN THE LONG TERM. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE ALSO TOUCHED ON THE
SUBJECT OF SHORT TERM COOPERATION POSSIBILITIES. FOR INSTANCE, I
WAS AWARE THAT ROMANIA, WHICH HAS AN ADVANCED TEXTILE INDUSTRY,
IS MEETING ITS COTTON REQUIREMENTS MAINLY FROM OTHER SOURCES. I
HAVE COMMENTED ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS THAT I FOUND IT STRANGE THAT

ROMANIA WAS BUYING COTTON FROM OTHER SOURCES ALTHOUGH THE TRADE RELATIONS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE AT A VERY LOW LEVEL. I REPEATED THIS IN OUR LAST TALK WITH PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU, WHO AGED WITH ME AND STATED THAT THEY COULD ARRANGE A LONG TERM COTTON AGREEMENT WITH TURKEY. SINCE I KNEW THAT TURKEY WAS FACED WITH A BOTTLENECK IN COTTON EXPORTS, I CONVEYED THIS INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY TO OUR AMBASSADOR IN BUCHAREST AND TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER THE DAY AFTER MY RETURN TO TURKEY. I HOPE THAT THE NECESSARY ACTIVITIES WILL BE UNDERTAKEN AT ONCE BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT.

NOW I WILL PASS ON TO OTHER TOPICS CONCERNING OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS.

THE SPEECH MADE BY PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL UPON HIS RETURN FROM HELSINKI, COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS OFFICIAL DECLARATIONS AND STATEMENTS, HAS BROUGHT A DEGREE OF CLARITY TO THE SUBJECTS OF THE AMERICAN EMBARGO AND COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS AS WELL AS THE GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY OF TURKEY. I CONSIDER THIS A FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT.

THERE ARE WIDESPREAD STORIES CASTING DOUBTS ON THE BASIC NATURE OF THE DECISION CONCERNING THE COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH THAT DECISION IS OR WILL BE CARRIED OUT. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT KNOW THE DEGREE OF ACCURACY OF THESE STORIES AND CLAIMS. WE WILL CONSIDER THE STATEMENTS OF THE PRIME MINISTER ACCURATE SO LONG AS THEY ARE NOT PROVEN OTHERWISE.

THE STORIES CASTING DOUBT ON THE NATURE AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECISION HAVE THEIR ORIGIN IN FOREIGN SOURCES, ESPECIALLY AMERICAN SOURCES, RATHER THAN DOMESTIC SOURCES. SUCH STORIES ARE MOSTLY CENTERED ON THE CLAIM THAT THE CONTINUATION OF THE OPERATION OF THE INSTALLATIONS WILL BE SECURED UNDER A NATO UNCLASSIFIED

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COVER.

IF HOPES AND ASSURANCES ARE NOT GIVEN TO THE AMERICANS BY THE GOVERNMENT APART FROM THE OFFICIAL DECLARATIONS, SUCH SOLUTIONS SHOULD BE BEYOND THE WISHFUL THINKING OF THE AMERICANS.

IN ANY CASE, THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD CLARIFY THIS POINT WITHOUT DELAY. THE ANSWER OF ONE OF THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS ON JULY 31, THE EVASIVE ANSWER OF THE HONORABLE ERBAKAN, CONCERNING THIS SUBJECT -- THAT IS, TO A QUESTION ON WHETHER THE INSTALLATIONS WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO NATO, HE ANSWERED "WE'LL SEE WHAT WILL HAPPEN" -- HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF DOUBT. THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF INCIRLIK BASE AS A NATO BASE, ALTHOUGH IT IS BASICALLY OF SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES, IS KNOWN TO BE AN OPERATIONAL BASE AND CARRIES IMPORTANCE IN THAT REGARD, INCREASES DOUBT ON THIS SUBJECT.

ABROGATING THE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS CONCERNING THE COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS AND CONTINUING TO OPERATE THESE BASES UNDER A NATO FORMULA WILL ONLY MEAN THAT THERE WILL BE IN EFFECT NO CHANGE AT ALL IN THE OLD STATUS. BECAUSE, AS IS KNOWN TO ALL, THE MAJORITY OF THE INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THESE INSTALLATIONS CAN BE EVALUATED ONLY BY AMERICA. THERE CAN BE NO PRACTICAL DIFFERENCE WHETHER THE INFORMATION IS CONVEYED DIRECTLY TO THE UNITED STATES OR GOES THROUGH BRUSSELS OR NAPLES. AMERICA WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE USING THESE BASES DESPITE THE CONTINUATION OF THE EMBARGO.

FOR THIS REASON, IF THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE SUCH AN INTENTION, IT SHOULD CLARIFY THIS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TO KEEP OPEN CERTAIN DOORS OF HOPE AND TO ACT TIMIDLY WILL NOT HAVE ANY POSITIVE EFFECT ON AMERICA FROM THE STANDPOINT OF TURKEY, AS HAS BEEN OBSERVED IN THE GOVERNMENT'S EXPERIMENTS IN RECENT WEEKS AND THE BITTER RESULTS OF THOSE EXPERIMENTS. THE STORIES AND RUMORS THAT THE COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS WILL BE KEPT OPEN TO AMERICANS UNDER THIS OR THAT NAME BY RENTING THEM CAST DOUBT ON THE DETERMINATION OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE VIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT ON THIS SUBJECT HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC AS OF THIS MOMENT.

IF THE GOVERNMENT IS THINKING OF SUCH A SOLUTION, SOME IMPORTANT DISADVANTAGES SHOULD BE KEPT WELL IN MIND.

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THE LEASING OF A CERTAIN PART OF A COUNTRY'S TERRITORY TO FOREIGNERS AS BASES WILL MEAN THAT THE COUNTRY IS GIVING UP ITS SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OVER THAT PART OF THE LAND AT LEAST TO A CERTAIN LIMIT. THIS WILL THEN ENTAIL SOME SERIOUS LEGAL AND POLITICAL COMPLICATIONS. THE FOREIGN COUNTRY WHICH ACQUIRES A PARTIAL SOVEREIGN RIGHT OVER THE LEASED LAND WILL ACQUIRE WIDE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT CONCERNING THESE BASES AND CONSEQUENTLY MAY PUT THE HOST COUNTRY IN DIFFICULT POSITIONS THROUGH FAITS ACCOMPLIS.

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THE LEASING OF A PART OF A COUNTRY'S TERRITORY TO A FOREIGN
COUNTRY IN THE FORM OF BASES IS MORE HARMFUL THAT THE PRESENCE
OF COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS BASED ON ALLIANCE AGREEMENTS.
THE COUNTRIES OUTSIDE OF THIS ALLIANCE WILL GENERALLY CONSIDER THAT
THE PRESENCE OF COMMON DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS AS A RESULT OF AN
ALLIANCE AGREEMENT IS NORMAL. BUT LEASING BASES TO A FOREIGN
COUNTRY CREATES INSECURITY ESPECIALLY IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND
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MAKES IT DIFFICULT FOR THE HOST COUNTRY TO ESTABLISH FRIENDLY RELA-
TIONS IN ITS OWN REGION. IT IS ONLYNORMAL FOR NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES
TO LOSE CONFIDENCE WHEN THE HOST COUNTRY SACRIFICES ITS SOVEREIGN
POWER ON ITS OWN SOIL.

FOR THIS REASON, WE HOPE THAT THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IS
NOT ENVISAGING THIS SOLUTION. BUT THIS IS NOT ENOUGH. IT MUST ALSO
ANNOUNCE WITHOUT DELAY THAT IT IS NOT ENVISAGING IT. OTHERWISE, THE

MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS WILL NOT PAY ANY ATTENTION TO TURKEY'S DECISION AND IT WILL BECOME MORE DIFFICULT FOR TURKEY TO ESTABLISH BETTER RELATIONS IN ITS OWN REGION AND TO STRENGTHEN ITS DEFENSE BY THIS METHOD.

AT HIS LAST PRESS CONFERENCE, PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL STATED OPENLY AND COURAGEOUSLY FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT THEY HAD TO DRAW UP A NEW POLICY OF CLOSER COOPERATION WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION REGARDLESS OF THEIR REGIMES AND THEIR IDEOLOGIES. THIS IS A PLEASING DEVELOPMENT. THIS IS NECESSARY AND CORRECT CONDUCT FOR TURKEY, ESPECIALLY IN TODAY'S WORLD. TO BE A MEMBER OF DIFFERENT COMMON DEFENSE OR ECONOMIC COOPERATION SYSTEMS WILL NOT PREVENT CLOSE RELATIONS AND COOPERATION WITH COUNTRIES THAT REMAIN OUTSIDE OF THESE SYSTEMS OR THAT ARE MEMBERS OF OTHER SYSTEMS OF ALLIANCE AND COOPERATION. IN ANY CASE, THERE IS NO REASON FOR TURKEY TO BEHAVE MORE HESITANTLY THAN OUR ALLY AMERICA OR SOME OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. ON THE CONTRARY, SINCE WE ARE PRIMARILY A MIDDLE EASTERN AND BALKAN COUNTRY, IT WILL BE ONLY NATURAL FOR US TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH THE COUNTRIES IN OUR REGION CLOSER THAN THOSE OUR ALLIES HAVE ESTABLISHED.

NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO INTERPRET THIS AS AN ACTION OF TURKEY TO SEVER ITS RELATIONS WITH THE WEST.

IN OUR OPINION, WE MUST BOTH CONTINUE OUR COOPERATION WITH THE DEMOCRATIC WESTERN COUNTRIES WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AND GOODWILL AND ALSO MAKE USE OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY WITHOUT HESITATION TO ACHIEVE WIDER RELATIONS AND COOPERATION IN THE WORLD AND IN OUR OWN REGION.

IN THE MEANTIME, I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT TURKEY CANNOT REGARD WESTERN EUROPE AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO AMERICA IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT AMERICA IS ABANDONING
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TURKEY. THOSE WHO CLAIM THAT TURKEY SHOULD DO SO ARE NOT REALISTIC. OUR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND WITH WESTERN EUROPE ARE NOT SUCH THAT THEY CAN BE SEPARATED FROM EACH OTHER EASILY OR CAN BE ALTERNATIVE TO EACH OTHER. THE RELATIONS BETWEEN NATO MEMBER WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND THE UNITED STATES ARE SUCH THAT, EVEN IF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WANT IT, THEY CANNOT HAVE AN ATTITUDE DIFFERENT THAN THE ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES OR AN ATTITUDE UNACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED STATES ON THE SUBJECT OF TURKEY. THE NATURE AND THE MEASURE OF THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT PERMIT THIS.

PERHAPS TODAY THE FORD-KISSINGER ADMINISTRATION WOULD ALLOW THE WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO FILL THE ARMS GAP CAUSED BY THE DECISION OF THE AMERICAN CONGRESS, BUT TURKEY HAS TO

REMEMBER THAT THE ADMINISTRATION COULD, INDEED PROBABLY WILL, CHANGE IN THE UNITED STATES; THEREFORE WE HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO RESORT TO SUCH AN ALTERNATIVE. IN ANY CASE THE NATURE AND THE EXTENT OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE WEST WILL BE DEPENDENT ON THE ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FOR YEARS OUR PARTY HAS BEEN DEFENDING THE VIEW THAT ALONG WITH NATO MEMBERSHIP, TURKEY MUST ALSO FOLLOW A NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY TO MEET HER NATIONAL DEFENSE NEEDS INDEPENDENTLY FROM NATO. IT HAS BEEN ADVOCATING THAT WE SHOULD FOLLOW A MULTI-FACETED FOREIGN POLICY. IT HAS BEEN EMPHASIZING THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DANGEROUS FOR TURKEY TO FOLLOW A FOREIGN POLICY WITHOUT ALTERNATIVES AND ESPECIALLY A NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY WITHOUT ALTERNATIVES. FAR FROM RECEIVING OUR VIEWS WITH UNDERSTANDING, CERTAIN POLITICAL PARTIES, PRIMARILY THE JUSTICE PARTY, WERE TRYING TO USE THESE DEMANDS AS A BASIS FOR UNJUST ACCUSATIONS. THE NEED HAS NOW BEEN UNDERSTOOD MORE WIDELY IN TURKEY. BUT IT IS VERY DISTURBING THAT, DESPITE THE COMPULSION WE FACE TODAY, THE GOVERNMENT IS STILL KEEPING OUR NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY AND OUR DEFENSE CONCEPT IN SUSPENSE AND THAT IT FAILS TO SEEK MEASURES TO FILL THE VACUUM IN OUR DEFENSE. FOR TURKEY, IT IS NO LONGER A QUESTION OF AN EMBARGO OR INSTALLATIONS AND BASES. IT IS HIGH TIME WE DROPPED THESE QUESTIONS AND WORKED OUT A NATIONAL DEFENSE AND SECURITY CONCEPT WITHOUT DELAY AND ACT ACCORDINGLY.

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AT THIS POINT I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT SHORTLY ON THE PROPOSAL FOR MEDIATION BY OUR FRIENDS IN EEC, THE SO-CALLED "NINE." IN RECENT DAYS, "THE NINE" HAVE NOT EXPRESSED SUFFICIENT GOODWILL AND UNDERSTANDING TOWARDS TURKEY. IN FACT THEY HAVE TAKEN AN ATTITUDE AGAINST TURKEY ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE AND ON TURKISH-GREEK RELATIONS. AS LONG AS THIS ATTITUDE CONTINUES THEY CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AS IMPARTIAL MEDIATORS.

THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION AS THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF CYPRUS DESPITE THE REALITY OF THE EXISTENCE OF TWO SEPARATE ADMINISTRATIONS IN CYPRUS, AND THEIR ATTEMPT TO IMPOSE AN ECONOMIC EMBARGO ON THE TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION ARE FLAGRANT PROOFS OF THEIR TAKING SIDES ON THIS SUBJECT.

WHILE THEY ARE PREPARING TO ADMIT GREECE INTO THE EEC AS A FULL MEMBER, ALTHOUGH GREECE IS NOT READY FOR THIS, THEY COULD HAVE INVITED TURKEY TO JOIN THE POLITICAL ADVISORY SYSTEM THEY ESTABLISHED AMONG THEMSELVES, THEY HAVE NOT EVEN DEEMED IT NECESSARY TO MAKE THIS GESTURE OF GOODWILL.

ALTHOUGH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT DID NOT HAVE A SUFFICIENTLY
DETERMINED AND CLEAR ATTITUDE TOWARD THIS CONDUCT OF THE "NINE,"
THE FACT THAT THEY DID NOT SHOW SUFFICIENT GOODWILL TO TURKEY
WILL NOT CHANGE.

IN VIEW OF THIS, IT HAS BEEN PROPER, IN MY OPINION.,
FOR THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT NOT TO SHOW ENTHUSIASM FOR THEIR
PROPOSAL OF MEDIATION.

LAST YEAR AT THE END OF JULY, THE ENTIRE WORLD, INCLUDING
GREECE, ACCEPTED OFFICIALLY THE FACT THAT THERE WERE TWO

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SEPARATE AND AUTONOMOUS ADMINISTRATIONS IN CYPRUS. BUT AFTER THE RPP LEFT THE ADMINISTRATION, THE LAX AND UNCERTAIN ATTITUDE OF SUCCESSOR GOVERNMENTS HAS BEEN COMPELLING THE ENTIRE WORLD TO RECOGNIZE THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION AS THE SOLE ADMINISTRATION OF CYPRUS. THIS TENDENCY HAS BEEN OBSERVED IN THE EEC AND ALSO AT THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION UNCLASSIFIED

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IN EUROPE WHICH MET AT HELSINKI LAST WEEK.

THE MEANING OF THE CRITICISM I DIRECTED AGAINST THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT ON THE SUBJECT OF THE SAD SITUATION AT HELSINKI IS THIS:

THE POINT IS NOT TO SIGN OR NOT TO SIGN THE DOCUMENT. THE IMPORTANT AND SAD PART IS THAT TURKEY HAD TO OVERLOOK THE REPRESENTATION OF CYPRUS BY MAKARIOS ALONE. IN RECENT MONTHS, IF TURKEY HAD FOLLOWED A SUFFICIENTLY DETERMINED AND DYNAMIC POLICY AND HAD MADE ITS WEIGHT FELT SUFFICIENTLY IN THE WORLD, THE EMERGENCE OF SUCH AN UNPLEASANT SITUATION COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED. IF IT WAS POSSIBLE TO HAVE THE ENTIRE WORLD ACCEPT THE EXISTENCE OF TWO SEPARATE AND AUTONOMOUS ADMINISTRATIONS IN CYPRUS LAST YEAR, THE SAME COULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE THIS YEAR.

DESPITE THE INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE FACT THAT IT FAILED IN ITS ATTEMPT TO HAVE ITS RESERVATION INCLUDED IN THE DOCUMENT AS A "FOOT-NOTE" IS A VERY SAD EVENT. BUT I DON'T ATTACH MUCH IMPORTANCE TO THIS BECAUSE I AM NOT OF THE OPINION THAT THE MATTER CAN BE SET ASIDE WITH SUCH GESTURES.

NEW HUMANITARIAN STEPS TAKEN BY DENKTASH AND CLERIDES IN THE LAST VIENNA TALKS ARE FAVORABLE AND PLEASING IF THEY CAN BE PREVENTED FROM CAUSING SOME DANGEROUS DEVELOPMENTS.

IT CONFIRMS OUR BELIEF THAT THE TWO COMMUNITIES IN CYPRUS CAN FIND THE BEST SOLUTION BY THEMSELVES IF THERE ARE NO INTERVENTIONS FROM THE OUTSIDE.

IN THE MESSAGE I SENT TO DENKTASH ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE OPERATION, I INDICATED MY HOPE THAT THE TURKS REMAINING IN THE SOUTH WOULD BE SAVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I AM HAPPY TO SEE THAT THIS HOPE IS NOW ABOUT TO BE REALIZED. WHILE PERMISSION IS BEING GIVEN FOR THE MIGRATION OF A LIMITED

NUMBER OF GREEK CYPRIOTS TO THE TURKISH REGION IN ORDER TO
MEET CERTAIN SOCIAL NEEDS AND TO UNITE SEPARATED FAMILIES,
I HOPE THAT EXTREME ATTENTION AND CAUTION WILL BE
DEMONSTRATED AND THAT THIS MIGRATION WILL BE KEPT AT A LEVEL THAT
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WILL NOT AFFECT THE FINAL SOLUTION OR THE FUTURE STATUS OF INTER-
COMMUNAL RELATIONS AND CONSTITUTE A PROBLEM FOR THE TURKISH
ADMINISTRATION.

ALTHOUGH I CONSIDER THE NEW FOREIGN POLICY CONCEPT SET FORTH
BY THE PRIME MINISTER IN HIS LAST PRESS
CONFERENCE AS A FAVORABLE EXPRESSION OF INTENT, I WOULD LIKE
TO POINT OUT THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY, THE STYLE IN
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY, AND DETERMINATION AND CON-
SISTENCY ARE AS IMPORTANT AS THE INTENTIONS AND WORDS.

WHILE THE PRIME MINISTER STATES THAT THE STEPS TAKEN FOR
CLOSER COOPERATION WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND BULGARIA ARE
EXAMPLES OF THE NEW ATTEMPTS AND OPENINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT
IN FOREIGN POLICY, AT THE SAME TIME SOME NEWSPAPERS CONSIDERED
AS SPOKESMEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT PARTIES ARE PUBLISHING SERIOUS
AND DEMOGOGIC ACCUSATIONS CONCERNING MY VISIT TO ROMANIA.
THIS IS A REGRETTABLE AND DEPLORABLE CONTRADICTION. THE GOVERNMENT,
BY ENCOURAGING SUCH PUBLICATIONS, CREATES OBSTACLES FOR THE
NEW FOREIGN POLICY WHICH IT APPEARS TO BE FOLLOWING. THIS
WEAKENS THE CREDIBILITY OF THIS POLICY. WE HAVE REMAINED ALMOST
THE ONLY COUNTRY WHERE POLITICAL PARTIES DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO
FOREIGN POLICY. WE HAVE SUFFERED GREAT HARM DUE TO THIS.
WE, AS A PARTY, ARE TRYING TO CORRECT THIS SHORTCOMING AND
WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO DO SO.

IF THE GOVERNMENT PARTIES DO NOT WANT TO LEAVE GOOD RELATIONS
WITH THE SOCIALIST BALKAN COUNTRIES TO THE MONOPOLY OF GREECE,
THEN THEY MUST ALERT THEIR OWN PUBLICATIONS, THEIR OWN MEMBERS
AND WRITERS ON THIS SUBJECT.

FINALLY, I WISH TO COMMENT ON CERTAIN UNFOUNDED ALLE-
GATIONS WHICH WERE ADVANCED AFTER THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE.
WHILE ON THE ONE HAND NEWS CIRCULATES THAT THE PRIME MINISTER
DOES NOT ATTRIBUTE IMPORTANCE TO THESE TYPES OF ALLEGATIONS
AND THAT HE DOES NOT WANT THEM ADVANCED, ON THE OTHER HAND, IT
SEEMS STRANGE THAT THESE ALLEGATIONS PERSIST.

THESE ARE THE FACTS REGARDING THE ALLEGATIONS:
I DID NOT HOLD A TETE-A-TETE MEETING WITH BRITISH PRIME
MINISTER WILSON, FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN AND HIS FRIENDS
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IN LONDON ON THE EVENING OF JULY 17-18, 1974. OFFICIALS FROM OUR FOREIGN MINISTRY, THE TURKISH GENERAL STAFF, OUR AMBASSADOR TO LONDON AND THE EMBASSY COUNSELOR WERE PRESENT AT THAT MEETING. FURTHERMORE, THE FORMER MINISTER OF INTERIOR, WHO ALSO IS PRESENTLY IN THE SAME POSITION, THE HONORABLE OGUZHAN ASILTURK, WAS WITH ME AND THE HONORABLE HASAN ESAT ISIK AT THE MEETING.

I DO NOT WANT TO EVEN CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF A BRITISH PRIME MINISTER MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS OR HINTS REGARDING DISCUSSIONS HELD IN THE PRESENCE OF SO MANY OFFICIALS. SUCH AN ACTION WOULD BE LACKING IN SERIOUSNESS AND RESPONSIBILITY AND WOULD CAUSE A CRISIS IN TRUST IN TURKEY TOWARDS ENGLAND WHICH WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO CORRECT.

CONTRARY TO THE REPORTS WHICH ARE BEING CIRCULATED AS RUMORS, IN THE TALKS I HELD WITH THE BRITISH STATESMEN, I NOT ONLY SAID THAT THE PROBLEM OF MAKARIOS DID NOT CONCERN US, BUT I ALSO SAID THAT THE IMPRESSION THAT MAKARIOS GAVE FROM TIME TO TIME THAT HE DID NOT WANT ENOSIS WAS MISLEADING AND THAT IN REALITY, HE WANTED AN ENOSIS IN REVERSE, THAT IS TO SAY THAT INSTEAD OF CYPRUS BEING ANNEXED TO GREECE, HE HAD ILLUSIONS OF GREECE BEING ANNEXED TO CYPRUS. I ALSO REMINDED THEM OF THE SUFFERING OF THE TURKS ON THE ISLAND UNDER THE MAKARIOS ADMINISTRATION.

AS FOR THE ALLEGATION ATTRIBUTED TO US SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER WHICH IS BEING CIRCULATED, NO FOREIGN STATESMEN, THE AMERICANS INCLUDED, KNEW WHAT KIND OF A GEOGRAPHIC ARRANGEMENT WAS ENVISAGED FOR THE CYPRUS FEDERAL STATE AT THE TIME OF OUR GOVERNMENT. I HAVE NEVER GIVEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. I HAVE INDICATED THAT THIS SHOULD BE TAKEN UP AT A CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES.

ALL PARTY LEADERS WITH GROUPS, INCLUDING DEMIREL, AND THE SENATE GROUP LEADERS, KNOW IN DETAIL OUR THOUGHTS ON THIS SUBJECT. ALL OUR VIEWS, BOTH ON THAT SUBJECT AND ON THE FINAL SOLUTION, HAVE BEEN EXPLAINED OPENLY BY MYSELF TO THE VARIOUS PARTY AND GROUP LEADERS. THERE IS NO NEED FOR THE TURKISH PRIMEMINISTER OF TODAY TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ON THAT SUBJECT FROM FOREIGNERS. IF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT HAS NEED OF "ASSISTANCE IN DOMESTIC POLITICS" IN ORDER TO FIND A SOLUTION

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TO THE CYPRUS QUESTION, THIS ASSISTANCE CAN BE OBTAINED NOT FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY BUT FROM WITHIN. THE WAY TO OBTAIN IT FROM WITHIN IS NOT BY RESORTING TO SUCH INAPPROPRIATE INTERNAL POLITICAL GAMES. A STRONG FOREIGN POLICY CANNOT BE CARRIED OUT

WITH SUCH GAMES. END TEXT.
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